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Date: April 24, 2000

1. This is a request for reexamination pursuant to 37 CFR 1.510 of patent number 5,839,514 issued November 24, 1998. The request is made by:
 patent owner. third party requester.
 2. The name and address of the person requesting reexamination is:
VITA INTERNATIONAL
12050 Proctor Street
Houston, Texas 77038
 3. a. A check in the amount of \$ 2520.00 is enclosed to cover the reexamination fee, 37 CFR 1.20(c); or
 b. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(c) to Deposit Account No. 50-0997/VITA-0006 for any deficiencies regarding the filing of this request.
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 5. A cut-up copy of the patent to be reexamined with a single column of the printed patent securely mounted on one side of a separate paper or a permanent reproduction thereof is enclosed. 37 CFR 1.510(b)(4)
 6. A copy of any disclaimer, certificate of correction or reexamination certificate issued in the patent is included.
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7. Reexamination of claim(s) claims 1-3, and 14 is requested.
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 8. A copy of every patent or printed publication relied upon is submitted herewith including a listing thereof on Form PTO-1449.
 9. An English language translation of all necessary and pertinent non-English language patents or printed publications is included.

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10. The attached detailed request includes at least the following items:

 - a. A statement identifying each substantial new question of patentability based on prior patents and printed publication. 37 CFR 1.510(b)(1)
 - b. An identification of every claim for which reexamination is requested, and a detailed explanation of the pertinency and manner of applying the cited prior art to every claim for which reexamination is requested. 37 CFR 1.510(b)(2)

11. A proposed amendment is included (only where the patent owner is the applicant). 37 CFR 1.510(e)

12. a. It is certified that a copy of this request (if filed by other than the patent owner) has been served in its entirety on the patent owner as provided in 37 CFR 1.33(c).
The name and address of the party served and the date of service are:
Thomas E. Sisson, Esq., Miller, Sisson, Chapman & Nash, P.C.
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San Antonio, Texas 78205
Date of Service: April 24, 2000; or
 b. A duplicate copy is enclosed since service was not possible.

13. The requester's correspondence address (if different from Number 2 above):

14. The patent is currently the subject of the following concurrent proceeding(s):
 a. Copending reissue application Serial No. _____.
 b. Copending reexamination Control No. _____.
 c. Copending Interference No. _____.
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Date

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